

City manager hiring schedule

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Last week's public forums regarding the hiring of a new Sisters city manager were almost non-events. Five people showed up for the afternoon meeting (three from the Chamber) and no one came for the evening meeting.

This was the public's opportunity to tell the recruitment firm, Jensen Strategies of Portland, what characteristics the citizens would like to see in the new city manager. Eric Jensen did meet with city councilors individually as well as City staff and several key private citizens. From the input received, and established necessary qualifications, Jensen will develop the profile of the ideal candidate.

The official ad will be posted the last week of February for about a month. Jensen will screen the applications for minimum requirements. They will conduct the first round of interviews, after which they will submit a short list to the city council. Finalists will be chosen and interviewed by a panel of councilors, staff, and members of the city manager community.

The goal is to have the new permanent city manager in place by July 1, 2017.

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- There are currently two openings on the City's budget committee. Duties are time-limited and include attending several meetings to review requests and set the City budget for fiscal year 2017/18. For more information please contact City Recorder Kerry Prosser 541-323-5213.

- City Councilor David Asson has been appointed as the council liaison to the City finance department. Asson's duties include working with the City finance officer and attending budget panel meetings. The appointment replaces the former finance audit committee, which has been inactive for a long time. The ordinance governing the committee has been repealed.

- The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, which provides Sisters with law enforcement services, reported they spent 8,787.5 patrol hours in Sisters in 2016. They issued 502 traffic warnings and 68 traffic citations. There were 11 felony arrests. Officers conducted 2,691 security checks and found nine open doors.

- City Council will be meeting during the day on February 8 at City Hall to do goal-setting and budget prioritization. If interested in attending,

please call City Recorder Kerry Prosser at 541-323-5213.

- The Oregon Department of Aviation public hearing regarding adding Sisters Eagle Airport to Appendix M will be held at Sisters High School on Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. The City has a FAQ document regarding the airport, which might be helpful to read prior to attending the hearing. It provides historical background on the airport and answers questions ODA has received during the public comment period. Eagle Air is the only privately owned public-use airport in the state not listed in Appendix M.

- Reservations for the 2017 season at Creekside Campground opened on January 4. All spaces are already reserved for Rodeo, Quilt Show, and Folk Festival weekends with a three-night minimum. The weekend of the total solar eclipse over Central Oregon on August 21 is already three-quarters full. As of Thursday, January 26, the City had received \$35,000 for reservations.

Hunter education classes on tap in Sisters

Sign up now for upcoming hunter education classes being offered in Sisters.

The Sisters class is at Sisters Community Church from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the following days: February 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22.

Sign up for these classes at <https://or.outdoorcentral.us/or/license> or at any license sales agent.

ODFW offers two types of hunter education classes: a traditional classroom experience over several days where most material is reviewed in the classroom; or independent study, which kids can do from home via workbook or online course. Independent study students also need to attend a field day to receive their hunter education certificate.

For a list of current classes and field days open in Oregon, visit the ODFW's license sales site and click View All Classes-Workshops / Hunter Ed Class or Hunter Ed Field Day tab. New classes are added regularly so check back if you don't see a date, time, or location that

works for you. Registering for a class or field day costs \$10.

Adults are also welcome to attend any hunter education classes and may take the adult online course, which doesn't require a field day for certification.

Hunter education is required for all hunters under the age of 18 and encouraged for adults, too. The classes cover important issues including hunter ethics and respect for private landowners; wildlife management and identification; firearms handling and safety; hunt preparation and techniques; survival; and introductory bowhunting.

All classes and field days are taught by certified volunteers dedicated to passing on the tradition of hunting to future generations. These volunteer instructors teach and certify about 6,500 students statewide each year in hunter education.

For more information about hunter education, visit <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter/>.



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